

## SCHOOL NUTRITION

(Mr. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise our Speaker, one of the foremost figures in the field of American literature, and one of our most famous authors. He has been making generous contributions to organizations which pay children \$2 for every book they read. At the same time his colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle are taking money away from needy children who need subsidies for their lunch.

The teacher is teaching school children a lesson at this time. He is showing there is money to be made in book deals, perhaps enough to buy their own lunch. I would like to share some information that I find important in this callous regard to our children.

The leadership nutritional block grant would terminate all nutrition standards. Seven hundred thousand Michigan children eat school lunch every day. More than half qualify for free or reduced price lunches. Michigan will lose \$107 million a year.

With one hand, the Speaker has offered school kids a book deal do encourage learning. With the other hand, he is taking away their lunch money which provides them with an absolute necessity for proper learning, and that is decent nutrition.

At the rate Republicans are taking money from kids, the kids are going to have to read an awful lot of books to stay fed.

## PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DOOLITTLE). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. VOLKMER. Do the rules of the House permit Members to walk in the well, be present in the well while a Member is speaking in the well?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members should not cross in front of Members while they are speaking in the well.

Mr. VOLKMER. Is it permissible to walk on the other side of the well while a Member is speaking in the well?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members should not walk between the Member speaking and the Chair.

Mr. VOLKMER. What I am trying to point out to Members on the other side, we have never done it on this side, is not to get your papers up and get ready to make your 1-minute while a Member is speaking in the well.

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## PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

(Mr. COOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, today we will again address private property

rights. And there is only one issue: whether or not we will obey the fifth amendment.

For those who haven't read their constitution lately, I would like to quote these 12 profound words.

The final clause of the fifth amendment states the following: " \* \* \* nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation."

This is a simple statement that requires little explanation. Just as a thief need not destroy the property he steals to be guilty, neither must the Government necessarily require a landowner to vacate his property for it to be taken for public use.

Mr. Speaker, without these 12 words, we would be little better than a socialistic society.

I, personally, subscribe to the axiom that if a man has done nothing wrong he has nothing to fear. Unfortunately, many law abiding citizens have a great deal to fear from the Federal Government.

Why? Because our environmental agencies create laws and regulations that destroy the value of their property.

In my district, millions of acres of timber lie unharvested because the government exercised its authority to save the spotted owl.

The Government has the authority to take my land. It also has the authority to save owls, but it does not have the right to do so without justly compensating you or me for it.

Mr. Speaker, let's reaffirm the fifth amendment, protect private property rights, and pass H.R. 925.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, there has been a great deal of talk of reform and of change in this body over the past month. Some of it real; much of it for show; much of it cynical; and even some of it counterproductive, such as the current talk about cutting child nutrition programs not to reduce the deficit but to provide tax cuts for the very wealthy. But there has been one issue of change that there has been too much silence about, and that is the most fundamental need of all, and that is to reform our campaign spending laws in this country so that we have meaningful, real democratic elections rather than auctions, which is the direction this country is going now.

I am proud to join several of my colleagues in introducing legislation this week which would break the gridlock that currently exists over campaign spending reform by following the military base closure commission model in creating a bipartisan commission to recommend campaign reform legislation. In 1 year Congress would have to

vote on its recommendations up or down, no excuses.

Let us clean up the political process and return it to the people of the United States.

## THE REAL VICTIMS

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I want to read something to my liberal colleagues on the other side of the aisle who profess so much compassion for America's children while defending the current welfare system.

This is from Bill Bennett's article in the current Commentary magazine, which I would recommend that all my colleagues read, Bennett writes:

Between 1962 and 1992, welfare spending in the United States increased by over 900 percent in 1992 dollars. At the same time the poverty rate dropped by less than 5 percent—and illegitimacy rates increased over 400 percent. Children are the real victims of this national tragedy. They are being conditioned into the same habits of dependency they are surrounded by, resulting in an almost unbreakable cycle of welfare.

And yet, Mr. Speaker, we get one liberal Democrat after another parading to the well to tell us how wonderful the current system is and how much the children need it.

The liberal Democrats may need it, but the children do not.

## REFORM AT THE EXPENSE OF SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, the Republican meat ax has fallen once again and this time not just on chicken and meat but on tomatoes, on beans, on carrots, on milk, and on orange juice. The latest target is the school lunch and breakfast program.

Now some of them are going to argue, we have not cut it. Ask them then why is there a 20-percent transfer out provision in the block grant? Ask them why is there no inclusion of price increases for food? Ask them why, why is there no inclusion of a recession or unemployment rates? Those are basic questions and, furthermore, ask them why is there not the provision for entitlement for a child in poverty to be eligible.

I am all for cutting billions, but let us cut billions from star wars and space stations and not nickel and dime our lunch programs to death.

## WELFARE REFORM

(Mrs. VUCANOVICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material.)